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94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 163, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to education.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 163, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be known as section 163.045, to read as follows:

163.045. 1. The general assembly hereby finds and declares that the safety and security of our school children is of the utmost importance to our society. The purpose of this act is to secure the safety of our children while they attend school so that they may be free to attain a diffuse range of knowledge in an environment free of malaise and to ensure that our school teachers have an environment free of fear or reprisal in order to better educate our children.

2. Beginning with the 2009 fiscal year and in each subsequent fiscal year, the general assembly shall appropriate nine million dollars to the safe schools fund, as established in subsection 6 of this section. The department of elementary and secondary education shall annually distribute the moneys in the fund to each school district in this state in proportion to their average daily attendance, as such term is defined in section 163.011.

3. Districts may use the moneys received from this fund in any of the following ways:

(1) To hire and pay professional peace officers and/or school resource officers;

(2) To purchase, install, and maintain safety-related hardware, such as locking systems;

(3) To purchase, install, and maintain camera systems in school

22 buildings and/or buses;

23 (4) To carry out point-of-entry inspections;

24 (5) To provide Internet predator education;

25 (6) To provide training in order to prevent bullying and/or
26 sexual misconduct;

27 (7) To institute a lock-down procedure to be implemented in the
28 case of a potentially dangerous or armed intruder as specified in
29 subsection 5 of this section; and

30 (8) For other safety-related expenditures with prior approval of
31 the department.

32 4. Each district shall annually notify the department of
33 elementary and secondary education of the manner in which the funds
34 received under this section were utilized. Should the department
35 determine that the district utilized such funds in a manner inconsistent
36 with the provisions of subsection 3 of this section, the department may
37 withhold all or any future payments under this section to such district.

38 5. As a condition of receiving funds under this section, each
39 school district shall ensure that each school building in the district
40 both institutes a lock-down procedure to be implemented in case a
41 potentially dangerous or armed intruder enters the school and
42 conducts a drill at least once a school year in order to prepare for such
43 a scenario. The department of elementary and secondary education
44 shall establish guidelines no later than January 1, 2008, to assist
45 districts in implementing such procedures.

46 6. There is hereby created in the state treasury the "Safe Schools
47 Fund". The state treasurer shall be custodian of the fund and shall
48 approve disbursements from the fund in accordance with sections
49 30.170 and 30.180, RSMo. Upon appropriation, money in the fund shall
50 be used solely for the administration of this section. Notwithstanding
51 the provisions of section 33.080, RSMo, to the contrary, any moneys
52 remaining in the fund at the end of the biennium shall not revert to the
53 credit of the general revenue fund. The state treasurer shall invest
54 moneys in the fund in the same manner as other funds are
55 invested. Any interest and moneys earned on such investments shall be
56 credited to the fund.